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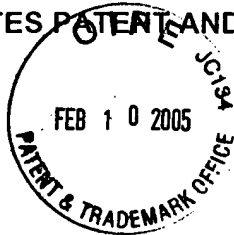
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: G. Guyan et al.

Appln. No.: 09/667,612

Filed: September 22, 2000

For: PROVIDING EVALUATION AND
PROCESSING OF LINE ITEMS



Examiner: Alain L. Bashore

Art Unit: 3624

Attorney Docket No: 10022/221

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in duplicate); Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Small Entity.
☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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February 10, 2005
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

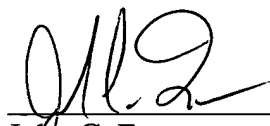
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Dear Sir:

This Response regards the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on February 2, 2005 (hereinafter "the Notice") regarding the above-mentioned patent application. The Notice asserted that Applicants' Amendment filed on January 6, 2005 was non-compliant because 1) each of the claims was not provided with a proper status identifier and 2) "[n]o amendment adding claims 53-55 with a status identified as new." Applicants traverse the Notice. Applicants' Amendment of January 6, 2005 is compliant with the rules since each claim does contain a proper status identifier. Regarding claims 53-55, the Notice implies that

claims 53-55 are newly presented in applicants' January 6, 2005 Amendment and so should include the status identifier "(new)." This implication is wrong. Claims 53-55 were added in Applicants' Amendment of January 18, 2002 and did include the status identifier "(new)." For the reasons set forth above, the Notice has no merit and should be withdrawn. In addition, Applicants request that the delay in prosecution caused by the mailing of the Notice be credited to the U.S. Patent Office when calculating any Patent Term Adjustment regarding any patent granted from the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JCF", is written over a horizontal line.

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